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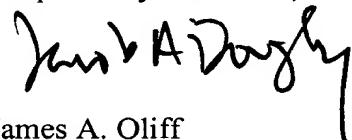
Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 20 is added. No new matter is added.

Claim 1 has been amended to restore the scope of the claim prior to Applicants' February 3, 2004 Amendment. Claim 20 has been added to provide a claim having identical scope to claim 4, which was cancelled in Applicants' February 3, 2004 Amendment. The previous amendments to claims 1 and 4 were made inadvertently, and should not be construed as limiting the scope of the pending claims or equivalents thereto.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks set forth in Applicants' February 3, 2004 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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